

## **In the Claims**

Claims 1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A fiber yarn which is a yarn containing a bamboo pulp[[based]] cellulosic filament having about 80 wt% to about 87.5 wt% ~~or more~~ of an  $\alpha$ -cellulose component and having a thickness of about 10 to about 600 dtex and number of twist of 0 to about 3,000 T/M.

10. (Previously Presented) The fiber yarn according to claim 9, wherein the filament is 85 wt% or more of  $\alpha$ -cellulose component.

11. (Previously Presented) The fiber yarn according to claim 9, wherein a total amount of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -cellulose component in said filament is about 90 wt% or more.

12. (Previously Presented) The fiber yarn according to claim 9, wherein the filament is produced by a continuous spinning system of viscose rayon process.

13. (Previously Presented) The fiber yarn according to claim 9, wherein the fiber yarn contains at least about 20 wt% of said filament and another fiber that is at least one fiber selected from the group consisting of natural fiber, regenerated fiber, semi-synthetic fiber and synthetic fiber.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The fiber yarn according to claim 13, wherein the filament and the another fiber are made into a composite by any one method selected from the group consisting of doubling and twisting, covering, filament mixing, false twisting and spinning intersection twist.

16. (Previously Presented) A cloth comprising a woven or knitted fabric or a non-woven fabric comprising the fiber yarn according to claim 9.

17. (Previously Presented) The fiber yarn according to claim 9, wherein the filament is 87 wt% or more of  $\alpha$ -cellulose component.

18. (Currently Amended) A fiber yarn which is a yarn containing a bamboo pulp [[based-]]cellulosic filament having about 80 wt% to about 87.5 wt% ~~or more~~ of an  $\alpha$ -cellulose component.

19. (Previously Presented) The fiber yarn according to claim 18, further containing a  $\beta$ -cellulose component such that the amount of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -cellulose components in the filament is

90 wt% or more.

20. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a fiber yarn comprising providing bamboo pulp such that the bamboo pulp has 85 wt% by weight or more of  $\alpha$ -cellulose content; and forming a filament from the bamboo pulp.

21. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20, wherein the filament is 90 wt% or more of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -components.

22. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20, wherein the filament is produced by a continuous spinning system of a viscose rayon process.

23. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20, wherein the fiber yarn contains at least about 20 wt% of the filament and another fiber that is at least one fiber selected from the group consisting of natural fiber, regenerated fiber, semi-synthetic fiber and synthetic fiber.

24. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20, wherein raw material for the cellulose-based fiber is a biomass resource.

25. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20, wherein the filament and the another fiber are made into a composite by any one method selected from the group consisting of doubling and twisting, covering, filament mixing, false twisting and spinning intersection twist.

26. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a cloth comprising forming a cloth comprising a woven or knitted fabric or a non-woven fabric comprising the fiber yarn according to claim 20.